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37,205 students write II PUC examination

ALL THE BEST: ***In a novel way, Mysuru District Newspaper Dealers Association boosted the confidence of PUC students by wishing them good luck with roses and sweets at Mahajana PU College and other colleges in city this morning. Picture right shows students making last-minute preparations at one of the exam centres.***

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (RK&NNN)- The Second Pre-University examinations began peacefully this morning with nearly 37,205 students from Science, Arts and Commerce stream writing Physics and Economic papers at 50 centres in the District (out of which 26 centres are in the city).

There was tight Police security as the question papers were moved in GPS-fitted vehicles from the District Treasury to Periyapatna, Bettadapura and Kittur first at 7.30 am and they were videographed.

The vans were asked to reach the designated places without stopping anywhere before the questions papers reach the examination centres. Students reached the centres 45 minutes before the examinations commenced and many were seen being accompanied by their parents or other family members.

Eleven flying squads with the Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPUE), Principals, Tahsildars and Block Education Officers heading each squad are moving from centre to centre to check for malpractices or any untoward incidents. However, no such incidents were reported at any centres today.

Section 144 has been imposed 200 metres around all the exam centres and Xerox shops near the centres have been closed.

Each examination centre is provided with drinking water facility. Mobile phones or any other electronic device is not allowed, except for calculators, said DDPUE Dr. Dayanand.

(See STUDENTS on page 8)

Man arrested for killing daughter to 'save honour'

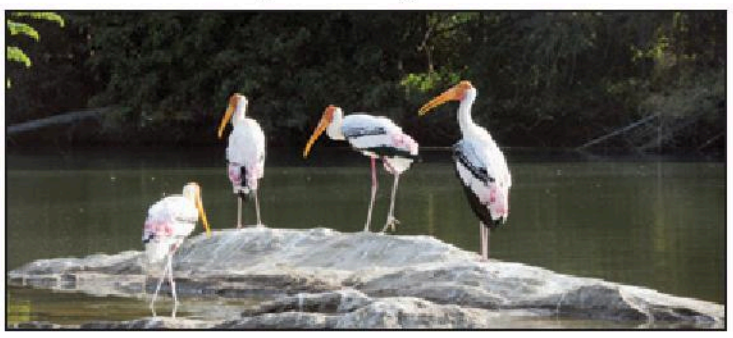
H.D. Kote, Mar. 1 (Manju& BCT)- A case of an alleged honour killing has been reported in H.D. Kote where a man has been accused of murdering his daughter as she had an affair with a boy outside their caste. The man has been arrested now and further investigations are on.

The incident has been reported from Gollanabeedu Village in H.D. Kote Taluk and the accused has been identified as Kumar. According to villagers, Kumar's 20-year-old daughter Sushma was in love with a youth at Alanahalli village in Mysuru. The boy, whose identity has not been revealed, belonged to a different caste and Sushma's parents objected to the affair.

(See ARRESTED on page 8)

Bird Census at Ranganathittu on Mar. 4

Sanctuary to open for visitors after 11 am



Mysuru, Mar. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The famed Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna will be closed for visitors till 11 am on Sunday, Mar. 4. For, the Forest Department will conduct the first-ever bird census from 6 am to 10 am on that day. Normally, the sanctuary opens at 9 am.

The bird census is being conducted by the Department in association with Mysore Bird Watchers' Group. Over 50 volunteers who are avid bird watchers have registered their names for the census and training will be provided to them at Aranya Bhavan on scientific bird counting on Mar. 3, a day before the actual census.

(See BIRD on page 8)

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Mysuru, Thursday 1st March 2018

Saving-spree

The nation's assets, facing the prospect of getting lost have currently emerged in public domain, sending people, forming themselves into voluntary groups, on a *saving*-spree, some of them not giving up, such as in Mysuru. The phenomenon of saving the assets has its origins in the event of God taking the form of fish to save the Vedas and later their forms including human to save the devotees from evil elements from time to time. In the current scenario, people raising their voice to save *this*, save *that* at national, regional, local and other levels may be likened to be *playing* God in the saving game. The administration is made to *adorn* the role of demons in many such saving actions. While most of the assets lined up for saving have physical features, the set of *moral values*, taken up by the scholarly fraternity in their cause is in a different class, posing many *hurdles* in addressing the issues, which are clear in knowledgeable circles.

Environment, with its wide-ranging definition, rivers and all other sources of water as well as green cover and the denizens of forests facing denudation in the name of development have been relegated to the back-burner amidst vociferous calls to protect these invaluable assets of the nation.

Blaming past generations for their various acts bringing the nation to its present dismal state may sound fascinating, but the blame-game is unrewarding unless their acts of omission and commission in taking care of the nation's assets are studied and lessons learnt for avoiding those mistakes and misadventures. Undoubtedly, the biggest lesson for the nation's people emerges from the mutually directed calls of the heavy-weights in the different political parties to rid the country from their clutches. However, there are no signs of the people learning this lesson and translating it into action. The multitude of the nation's other assets getting lost year-on-year fall into place, in spite of every one of them belonging to the citizens.

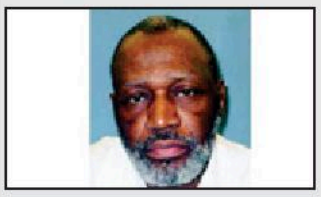
The goings on in Mysuru, witnessing the decline in the health of its water bodies in general and Kukkarahalli Lake in particular as well as chopping of valuable giant trees for various reasons prompts one to be pessimistic about winning in the battle to save the land's assets, mocking at the unrelenting saving-spree drawing people in large numbers for the cause.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is a well-known fact that children bring joy to our lives. Though some children are naughty while some docile, till they reach a certain age we have to care for them with tolerance. As they grow older, we observe with amazement the common sense and wit they have, and how naturally it comes to them. A grandmother took her grandson for admission to a nursery school. The teacher said, "All the seats are filled up. I regret to tell you there is no seat." The grandson, who was bold enough, said "I will bring a chair from my house, sir, no problem." A schoolteacher once planned to take some of her students on a picnic. One boy wanted to join the picnickers. "All the seats are filled up, my boy," the teacher said. "I can sit on your lap, madam" pat came the reply. *— Neela Ramanna in Deccan Herald.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Complicated case of death row inmate



Washington: 67-year-old Vernon Madison has been on death row for over three decades and was supposed to be executed in 2016, but after a series of strokes allegedly wiped out his memories of fatally shooting a Police officer, his lawyers have been trying to suspend his death sentence. The U.S. Supreme Court will now have to decide if it is lawful to execute a murderer who does not remember his crime.

In April, 1985, Vernon Madison shot and killed Police officer Julius Schulte, who had been called to his residence for a domestic disturbance. Prosecution sentenced him the death penalty.

In 2015, Madison suffered his first major stroke. The following year, he suffered another stroke, and showed signs of memory loss. Dr. Karl Kirkland, who evaluated Madison on behalf of the State of Alabama, concluded that while his strokes had caused cognitive damage. In March 2017, the same court found the inmate incompetent to get death penalty.

Incredible detailed sketches of UK cities

London: Two years ago, English artist Carl Lavia set out to create a large-scale sketch of Birmingham, one of the largest cities in the UK, using photos he took himself, as well as aerial footage from books and google maps to help him piece the whole thing together. The result of his work was so impressive that Lavia decided to dedicate years of his life to sketching out all 69 cities in the United Kingdom, in great detail. 44-year-old Carl Lavia started drawing when he was just 5, and has been doing it ever since. With the help of his project partner, Lorna Le Bredonchel, Carl spends weeks walking around the cities to get a feel of the atmosphere that makes them unique. He then uses these bits of information, as well as aerial imagery to create large-scale sketches of each city. Lavia has completed sketches for four UK cities – Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh and Dundee – which leaves 65 to go. His latest sketched cityscape, that of Dundee, measures 3mtrs and 3 months to complete, He used up over 100 pens.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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First anniversary of Bishop's Episcopal Ordination

Mysuru, Mar.1-Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Mysore, celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination coinciding with his 53rd birthday at a function held at the Indoor Stadium of St. Philomena's College here on Feb.27.

He was ordained as Priest of the Diocese of Mysore on May 18, 1993. Pope Francis appointed him the Bishop of Mysore in January last year and he was consecrated as the sixth Bishop of Mysore on Feb. 27, 2017.

On the occasion, the Priests and the religious of the Diocese wished him for the Silver Jubilee of his priestly Ordination as he will be shortly completing 25 years of his priestly life.

About 1,200 priests and religious of the Diocese attended the felicitation function following which the Bishop gave a concelebrated Thanksgiving Mass along with about 200 priests.

In spite of his hectic schedules, the Bishop has visited almost all the Parishes and institutions coming under the Diocese. He has also been striving to bring about excellence and accountability in all the 141 educational institutions spread over the four districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, from nursery to Post-Graduate level.

As part of his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee, the Diocese has dedicated a project of construction of a residential unit for Sneha Kiran of Mysore Spastic Society at Ganangur on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. The project, which costs about Rs. 1.6 crore, will be a memorial of Bishop K.A. William's Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee.

Msgr. C. Rayappa, the Vicar General of the Diocese welcomed the gathering. Bishop Emeritus, Most Rev. Dr. Antony K. Vazhapilly and Rev. Fr. Dominic Vaz felicitated the Jubilarian.

Msgr. Leslie Moras, the Episcopal Vicar and the Public Relations Officer of the Diocese proposed a vote of thanks. Sr. Dr. Annie, compered.

Really...?

- ***Allegedly used against Falun Gong practitioners in China, this torture method involves placing the victim in a cage (sometimes lined with spikes) and then partially submerging the cage in filthy water that comes up to the prisoner's neck.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

From his death bed...

The husband called his wife and said, "One month after I die I want you to marry Samy." ***Wife:*** *"Samy! But he is your enemy !"*

Husband: *"Yes, I know that ! I've suffered all these years so let him suffer now!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 65.18
1 UK Pound	Rs. 89.67
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.74
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VOICE OF THE READER

N.R. Mohalla Park crying for attention

Sir,

I am a regular visitor to Shivaji Park in N.R.Mohalla. It has been observed that from the past couple of years this Park is not maintained at all.

As one can see in the picture, the dry leaves are posing a threat to aged people as it's very slippery. This Park is not cleaned at all, not even the walkways. One can see garbage dump lying inside the Park and no one cares to clean it up.

Along with this, we see several dogs which pose a threat to the kids and old people. We aged people have to go through this trauma everyday while we go for a peaceful walk.

—An aggrieved citizen

N.R. Mohalla
25.2.2018

Attukal Pongala tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.1-Karnataka Nair Service Society, Mysore Karayogam Mahila Vibhag, is organising Attukal Pongala on Mar. 2 from 8 am onwards at Sree Rajarajeshwari temple, Vishweshwaranagar 3rd Stage, Industrial Suburb, J. P. Nagar, Mysuru. Ladies interested to take part in this Pongala Mahotsava may register their names on Mob: 88845-00800 or 94484-87629.

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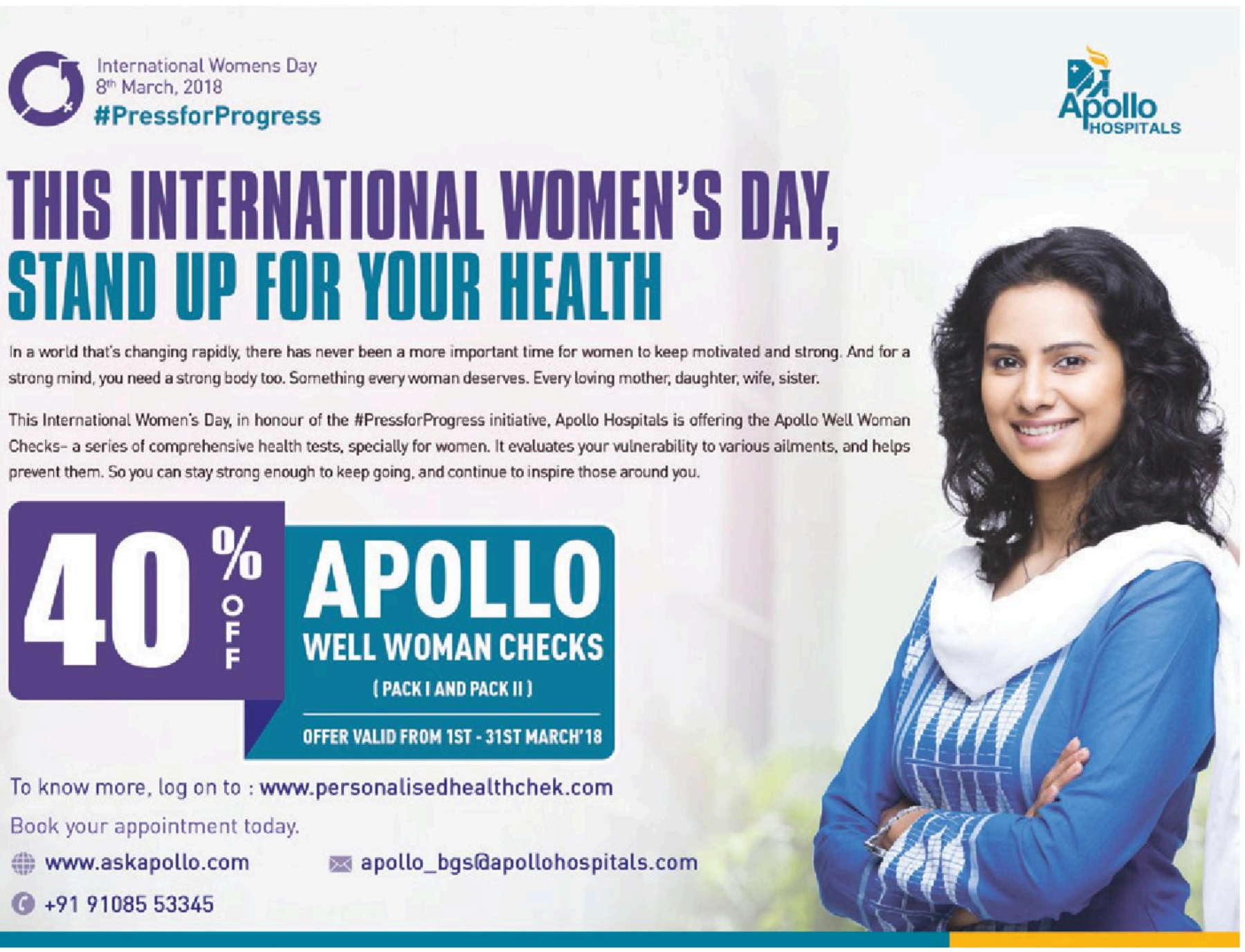
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Mar.2) between 10 am and 6 pm: Seetharanga, Lakshmipuram, Hosakeri, Rehmania Mohalla, Jain Bhavan, Kakaravadi, Dewan's Road, Chamundipuram, Vidyaranyapuram and surrounding areas.

Talk on ESIC & PF

NIPM Mysore Chapter has organised a lecture programme on "Latest Amendments of ESIC and PF" on Mar. 2 at Hotel Quorum in city. Director of ESIC and Commissioner of PF will be the speakers.

CM to inaugurate KIADB Golden Jubilee

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will inaugurate a programme organised at hotel Shangri-La on Palace Road, in Bengaluru on Mar.4 at 10 am to mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) and foundation laying for the Main Office building. Minister for Large & Medium Industries & Infrastructure Development R.V. Deshpande will release a souvenir. Minister for Urban Development & Haj R. Roshan Baig will preside. Infosys Founder N.R. Narayana Murthy will be the guest of honour. State Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha will be the special invitee.

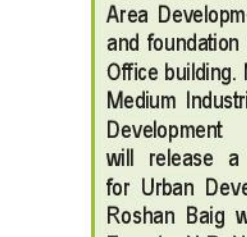
Free health camps

The District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Federation of District Artists Associations, in association with Suyoga Hospital, have organised a free health camp for writers and artists at Kalamandira in city on Mar.3 at 10 am. Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa has, in a press release, asked all writers and artists to make use of the camp.

Vijay Foundation, Hebbal, has organised a free Acupuncture Health Camp at the Himalaya Salt Crystal Cave, #429, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, on Mar.3 from 10.30 am to 2 pm. TCM Specialists Latha Damodar and Mahadeva Prasad will conduct the camp. Camp is free but registration is compulsory. [Ph: 0821- 2412284 or 99805-56244]

Appointed

MCC Ward No.6 Corporator M.V. Ramprasad has been appointed as the BJP leader in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). Likewise, Ward No.7 Corporator V. Shailendra has been appointed as JD(S) leader in the MCC. It may be mentioned here that the JD(S)-BJP combine held on to power in the MCC by supporting rebel Congress Corporator B. Bhagyavathi in the Mayoral polls held on Jan.24.



Don't mislead voters on EVMs, VVPATs

SEC warns of criminal action

Bengaluru, Mar.1 (KMS&BCT)- The State Election Commission (SEC) will initiate criminal action against those carrying reports to mislead voters regarding Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), warned Karnataka Election Commission Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjiv Kumar. He was speaking to reporters at his office 'Nirvachana Nilaya' in Bengaluru yesterday.

Sanjiv Kumar

"Rumours are being spread on the efficacy of the EVMs and the functioning of VVPATs. "Let me clarify here that both the machines are efficient where there is no room for any suspicion. Criminal cases will be booked against people who spread allegations against the functioning of the machines," he said.

"VVPAT gives feedback to the voter on whether the vote has been cast in favour of the intended candidate. The ballot slip, visible to the eye for seven seconds before it slips into the collection box, has the number, name and symbol of candidate printed on it. Any voter who finds a mismatch in the ballot slip can file a complaint. But if the complaint is found to be untrue, polling officials will be empowered to initiate action against the voter," he added.

In the previous election, over 2.75 lakh polling personnel had been engaged and in coming Assembly elections about 3.25 lakh personnel will be required, the CEO said. Reacting to reports broadcast by some TV channels, he denied any conspiracy in sending EVMs and VVPATs from UP and Gujarat to Karnataka.

There is no specific State-wise allocation or quota of EVM and VVAPTs. As a limited number of EVMs are blocked due to election petitions pending in different High Courts, the Election Commission of India (ECI) is forced to move available stock from one State to another for election purposes, he said.

"Since the introduction of EVMs for elections in the country, the ECI has always moved EVMs from one State to the other, including movement into Karnataka and also out of Karnataka to other States. The present deployment is part of the well-established and existing system of deployment of EVMs and VVPATs and, no exception has been made for Karnataka," Kumar said.

Currently, according to statistics provided by the CEO office, Karnataka has 3,267 Balloting Units (BU) and 4,588 Control Units (CU), which are barely sufficient. Hence, 85,650 BUs, 66,700 CUs, and 73,700 VVPATs will be coming from outside Karnataka during the elections, he said.

Of the total, 27,000 BUs and 20,000 CUs will come from Gujarat, while 40,650 BUs and 31,700 CUs will be coming from Uttar Pradesh. Besides, 11,000 BUs and 3,000 CUs are coming from Tamil Nadu, while 6,000 CUs are coming from Maharashtra. From Jharkhand, 5,000 BUs and 3,000 CUs will be brought to Karnataka. Bharat Electronics Ltd. is expected to supply 2,000 BUs and 3,000 CUs to the State.

FINAL ELECTORAL ROLLS

Sanjiv Kumar said that with the deadline for inclusion and omission of names ending Feb.28, the electoral rolls had been finalised. As many as 15,56,141 names had been added and 9,17,368 names had been removed from the voters' list. The final list now has 4,96,56,059 voters, he said.

The voter list will be subjected to continuous revision and voters can submit applications for inclusion of voters in the electoral rolls, he added. ECI's impressive programme, Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) targeting newly eligible voters, has reaped dividends this time.

ON ELECTION DATES

Sanjiv Kumar clarified that the ECI is yet to announce the dates. He was responding to queries from reporters on whether the elections will be scheduled in the last week of April or first week of May as reported in a section of media.

Sanjiv Kumar said they had not received any communication about the polling dates from the ECI. Asked whether the SEC had recommended any dates to ECI, Sanjiv Kumar replied in negative. He said that announcing date of elections or poll schedule was outside their jurisdiction.

"The responsibility entrusted to us is to ensure operational readiness when elections are declared. After the training for poll officials, another meeting is being planned at district level for polling staff," he added.

DC, ADC inspect EVM and VVPAT Units

Mysuru, Mar.1 (US)- The first-level of inspection of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) Units, which had arrived for the Assembly election at the Warehouse in the premises of *MysoreOne* on Seshadri Iyer Road here, was done by DC D. Randeep and Additional DC T. Yogesh on Tuesday. They also discussed with the representatives of various political parties.

BEL Engineer Premchand and others were present.

BJP's 'Kamala Jaatre' in nine districts including Mysuru from Mar.2 to 4

Bengaluru, Mar.1- Inspired by its successful experiment of organising Kamal Melas in Uttar Pradesh to attract voters ahead of the Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has planned to hold "Kamala Jaatre" in nine districts of the State including Mysuru. It is an outreach programme to engage the electorate ahead of the Assembly polls in small towns and villages.

The Jaatre will be held across nine locations in the State — Mysuru (Nanjangud taluk), Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Tumakuru and Bengaluru Rural districts — from Mar.2 to 4. It will later be moved to Central Karnataka and Mumbai Karnataka regions.

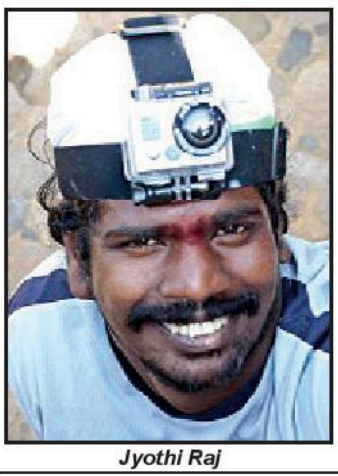
The Jaatre is to serve as a platform to spread Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Karnataka BJP's 'developmental track' record by involving in political engagement with rural, local community, spread over three days.

Modelled on the strategy that was put in place by the party for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, the Jaatre will showcase the achievements of the NDA Government and the BJP regime (2008-13) in the State through exhibition centres, makeshift cinema halls, 'Chai pe charcha' with leaders among others.

"Kamala Jaatre" is part of a larger voters' outreach programme of the BJP and will be held alongside its "Mushti Akki Abhiyana" of visiting every household of farmers to collect a fistful of rice/grain and Bengaluru Rakshisi (Save Bengaluru) padayatra from Mar.2, protesting against "goondagiri by the Congress leaders and misrule of the State Government".

There is a fun element too. Food stalls serving local delicacies, game stalls with themes, kids zone with joyrides, selfie booths, recreational on-stage activities like musical chair, pop quiz, impromptu singing competition, laser shows will also be part of the Jaatre. As a pilot, a 'Kamala Jaatre' was held in Jewargi in Kalaburagi district recently. In all, 30 Jaatres have been planned across districts. The party aims to reach over 15 lakh voters directly and over one crore indirectly through this campaign.

'Monkeyman' rescued
from atop rock at Jog Falls



Jyothi Raj

Shivamogga, Mar.1 (KS)- Jyothi Raj alias Kothi Raj, a rock climber from Chitradurga, who had gone down the Jog Falls to retrieve the body of a man from Bengaluru and had gone missing on Feb.27, was rescued from atop a rock yesterday.

The Fire Brigade and Police personnel and the locals noticed him below Raja Falls and rescued him.

Sources said that Jyothi Raj had slipped into a small cave amidst the rocks and had sustained minor injuries resulting in him not able to climb up as the rocks were slippery.

He had to spend the whole night on the rock and tried to climb up yesterday morning when the rescue team and his friends from Chitradurga noticed his movement below the Raja Falls.

The rescue team had to use two drone cameras to trace him and later rescued him using rafts. The rescue operation lasted for three hours. As he was pulled up, a cheering crowd carried him to an ambulance, after which he was taken to a hospital in Shivamogga for treatment.

The rescue team consisted of five trained climbers each from Chitradurga and Davangere, members from General Thimmayya National Academy of Adventure, Bengaluru, Police personnel and staff of the Fire and Emergency Services.

Drum beat protest on Mar.3

Mysuru, Mar.1 (RKB&DM)- Accusing MUDA of stepmotherly treatment in connection with a site allotted to Kuvempunagar's Ramabai Ambedkar Educational Institute, Dr. Ambedkar Samajwadi Democratic Party will stage a demo by beating drums in front of MUDA office here at 10.30 am on Mar.3. Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, party President C.M. Nagaraj said that the site was allotted to the Institute when Ramakrishna Hegde was the Chief Minister. But the apathy of MUDA officials has delayed physical possession of the site, he said and added that the party was forced to stage the demonstration in protest against the apathy of MUDA officials.

He further said that the party will launch Ambedkar Padayatra at all taluk headquarters of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar by garlanding Dr. Ambedkar statue at Ashokapuram in city on Mar.3.

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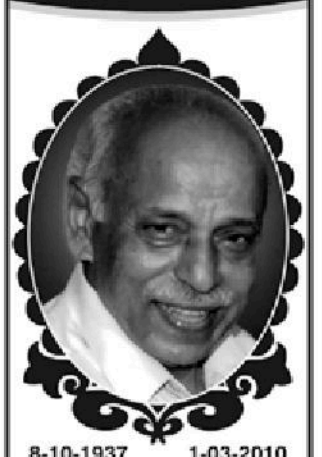

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Headless body of a woman found near Kalastavadi

Mysuru, Mar.1 (RK&KS)- A headless body of a woman, cut into two pieces, was found behind a bridge near Kalastavadi village on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway this morning.

Farmers, who were on their way to their agricultural fields, found the body without the head and informed the Police Control Room, which in-turn alerted the jurisdictional Metagalli Police.

Metagalli Inspector Sunil Kumar and staff, who rushed to the spot and found the headless body and launched a search to trace the missing head.

City Finger Print Unit ACP Rajashekar, City Dog Squad, N.R. Sub-Division ACP Umesh G. Shet and DCP N. Vishnuvardhana also visited the spot.

The details of the woman is yet to be known.

Metagalli Police, who have registered a case in this regard, have shifted the body to JSS Hospital mortuary at Bannimantap in city and are investigating.

Woman goes missing from city

Gowri Amrutha

Mysuru, Mar.1 (KS) - A 26-year-old woman, who left her house on Feb.24 at about 2.30 pm saying that she was going to work, has since gone missing from Hebbal Police limits in city.

The missing woman, identified as Gowri Amrutha, is 5.1 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, round faced, well-built, speaks Hindi, English, Telugu and Marathi and was wearing a blue coloured chudidhar at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar.1 (KS)- Saraswathipuram Police, on Feb.26, have found a body of an unidentified man near the Village Hostel Block No.5 coming under their jurisdiction.

The unidentified man, who seemed to be a beggar, is 5.2 ft. tall, 45-50 years old, round faced, normal built, dark complexioned and was found wearing a white and blue checks shirt and black pant.

The Police, who have registered a case of unnatural death, have asked the kith and kin of the unidentified person to contact Ph: 0821-2418323 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

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Decoding Mythology

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Epics about Women

The epics Ramayana and Mahabharata reached their final form roughly 2,000 years ago, between the 3rd century BCE and 3rd century CE. We know this as the Sanskrit used in the epics is based on a grammar codified by Panini, who lived 2,500 years ago. The epics were composed in North India, in the Gangetic plains specifically, and they focus on men — Ram, Krishna and the Pandavas. Female characters exist to prop up male characters.

But 1,500 years ago, roughly between 6th and 9th century CE, in South India, we have very different kind of epics such as the *Shillapadikaram* and the *Manimeghalai,* composed in old Tamil, where the protagonists are women. The culture in these epics is not Vedic; there is awareness of Vedic practices, but greater value is placed on monastic orders such as Buddhism and Jainism, and the wider canvas is faith in Goddesses, not Gods, who exist outside the Vedas and gradually make their way into Puranas around this time.

Shillapadikaram is the story of the chaste wife, Kannagi, and the courtesan, Madhavi. The man, Kolavam, is husband of one and lover/customer of the other. Kannagi turns into a dramatic Goddess when wronged and burns the city of Madurai by force of her chastity and truth. This is the archetypal Goddess of Hinduism. In *Manimeghalai,* the central character is the daughter of Madhavi, who is assisted by a sea-Goddess, and who chooses to become a nun.

Tamil epics speak of fierce and independent Goddesses who are not found in the Vedas. Goddesses play a very minor role in Vedas. Her appearance in Puranas that are composed from only around 500 CE is foreshadowed by stories of chaste wives who resist fire told in Ramayana and Mahabharata. Sita of Ramayana, born of earth, passes the fire-test of chastity. Draupadi of Mahabharata is born of fire and passes through fire to restore her virginity as she moves from one husband to another. Such characters are not found in Vedic literature. Where did they come from? Did they come from Tamillakam? From a culture that mingled and merged with Vedic ideas to create what we now called Puranic or Agamic or Smarta Hinduism? Did this culture thrive once in the Harappan cities? We really don't know. What we do know is that Tamil epics, composed a few centuries after Sanskrit epics, are more female-centric.

In the Tamil epics, we see three kinds of women: the woman who has relationships with many men, the woman who has a relationship with one man, and the woman who has relationships with no man. Buddhism and Jainism valued the third type of woman, the nun, who rejects sex. Hinduism valorised the second type of woman, the chaste wife, as a Goddess, the Sati who has magical powers. In Tantra, we find the first kind of woman, with many lovers. But she was sidelined. Transformed from the fierce yoginis who helped seekers gain wisdom and powers into distraught Gopikas who yearn for Krishna.

Did this third kind of polyamorous unattached woman thrive before the rise of male-dominated systems such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism? This is difficult to prove but worth considering as we speculate about India's past, before Panini, before the Vedas, before invocation of male Gods like Indra and Agni.

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TRAVELOGUE

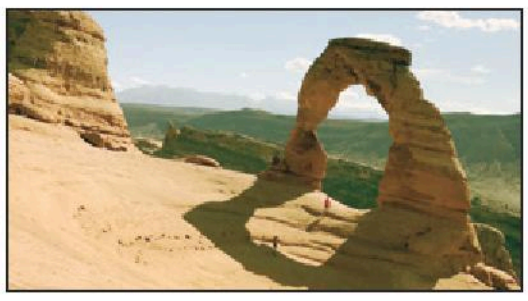
American "Experience"

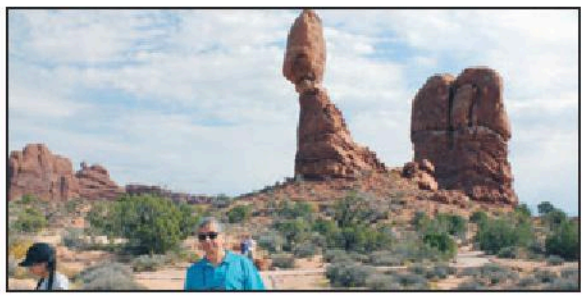
Glamping adventure and climbing delicate arches

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Recently, I received an invitation from one Mr. Reddy for the inauguration of a "glamping" site at Mysuru. Impressive website. What is glamping? Simple, it is "glamorous camping." Camping in style. Well, I am happy some entrepreneur has at last thought of this idea, which is quite common in the West and has ventured to provide it to our citizens. We Indians lack adventure and only a few venture out to try these new forms of travel.

RVs or Recreational Vehicles travel is the cheapest form of travel in the US. The vehicles are modified as per your budget and when one travels on a Friday, one can see hundreds of RVs travelling all over the country. Every tourism destination has several camping sites and these vehicles are allowed to park there at a nominal fees ranging from 10 to 25 dollars.





My daughter also decided that we should have some adventure and thus made a booking for a glamping site near Bear Lake, a huge lake several miles long and a picnic spot, nearly three hours drive from Salt Lake City. On a Friday afternoon, in US all picnic spots are crowded and Bear Lake was no exception. Thousands of people were milling around the Lake and we could not get a parking space till 3 pm!

Anyway after enjoying the beach we decided to go around to the camping site where we were booked to stay in a Western style wagon, not cheap *[see pic]*. A cool 300 dollars ! There were about 18 wagons placed around the camping site. The wagons were really nice and comfortable with 6 beds, ideal for a small family. The only problem was that one had to walk about 100 meters for bathrooms. Cool breeze, clear starry sky, open live fire and a guitarist to boot, the atmosphere was enchanting to say the least.

At about 2 am, all of us suddenly woke up as a thunderstorm decided to visit that area. Lightning, thunder, rain and howling winds. The whole wagon started to shake and it was sheer terror for about two hours. I really do not know how many times we remembered our Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Next day morning, bright sunshine, no trace of rain ! Not even a single puddle of water anywhere. At about 6 am, when I went out to the cafe to have my coffee, I met the camp manager who assured me that it was only a moderate thunderstorm and was a common occurrence in these parts. He also wanted to know about "the experience." Believe me, we can laugh at the experience now, but not then.

Arches Park

I have to share another of these so-called experience. We had decided to go on a holiday trip to the Arches National Park, Utah, the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches. Size of the park, 76,519 acres! Surreal geological wonders, millions of years old, forms created by erosion of water, ice and wind. Though there are more than 400 documented arches, four of them are very famous. The balance rock, devils garden, delicate arch and the windows. The brochures and maps give a detailed indication of the climb, the distance etc. One is asked to carry their own water supply since there are no vendors or shops anywhere in that area.

In spite of being warned that the climb to "delicate arch" would be tough, in our bravado we decided to do the climb of 1.3 miles uphill. In the beginning it was easy but as the climb progressed it started becoming tough. The last part of the climb was the toughest. We had to go around a huge rock on a small 4 feet walk around with a sheer drop of 1 mile with no support of a railing ! The number of accidents in this area is well-documented. Terrified, we were about to return back but some foreigners motivated us to finish the climb to view the arch.

When we returned I asked one of the guards as to why they do not put safety railings near the rock so that accidents could be prevented. His answer stunned me. He said "these rocks have survived for millions of years and is giving us visual joy. These are delicate sand stones, if we try to put railings in this area and the arches crumble we will be depriving our children of the future joy of seeing these wonders. We have mentioned in all brochures that these climbs are tough. So only those who are willing to undertake the risks should come; for others, they can view the arch from the bottom of the hill on another view point." A simple but effective lesson on conservation.

In all, 1.5 million people visit these arches every year. Graffiti, vandalism is prevalent in this park too like our lifts in India. People become creative and artistic and try to draw all over the park. But thousands of dollars are spent by the authorities for clearing these graffiti. If by chance one is visiting the Western part of the US, this National Park is a must-see. Would you believe such a huge park and not a single shop inside! Even water is available only in select places.

Contrast this with our own destructive mindset. In the name of development, Chamundi Hill, Bandipur and Kodagu are destroyed. What are our children going to inherit 100 years from now? K.C. Layout, J.C. Layout and a flat Chamundi Layout too ?

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UoM Convocation: Calling Endowment Donors

Mysuru, Mar.1- The 98th Convocation of the University of Mysore (UoM) will be held on Mar.12. Hence, various Endowment Donors have been asked to update the changes in their postal address, if any, to the UoM, so that the invitation of the Convocation can be sent to the correct address, according to a press release from the Assistant Registrar of the University.

Lecture-presentation by architect

Mysuru, Mar.1-Noted Architect Vijay Narnapatti of "mayaPRAXIS design +architecture, Bengaluru, will give a lecture-presentation on his landmark projects on Mar.2 at 6 pm at Hotel Southern Star in city. Interested professional Architects and Consultants may attend the talk, according to a press release from Ar. H. E. Chandrashekar, Chairman, Indian Institute of Architects, Mysore Centre. For details contact Mob:9844471702.

CogNIEscience: Technical paper presentation tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.1-The 17th edition of cogNIEscience 2018, a National-level technical paper presentation competition, will be held at the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), here on Mar. 2 from 10 am to 5 pm. Students from various engineering college across the country will be presenting 60 papers across Mechanical Engineering disciplines.

Mahesh Jambardi, Chief Operating Officer, Excelsoft Technologies Pvt Ltd, Mysuru, will be the chief guest at the inaugural function to be held at Bharat Ratna Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Hall at 10 am. G. S. Ramachandra, Hon. Secretary, NIE, will preside. Dr. M.V. Achutha, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, A. Anand and H.P. Vinod Kumar, Assistant Professors and Staff Conveners of cogNIEscience will be present.

FDP on Heat Transfer at VVCE from March 2

Mysuru, Mar.1-The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising a two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Heat Transfer and its Applications' on Mar.2 and Mar. 3.

This programme will be inaugurated tomorrow by chief guest Dr. T. Sundararajan, Institute Chair Professor, IIT Madras at VVCE Training and Placement seminar hall at 9.30 am. Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, will preside. P. Vishwanath, Secretary and S. N. Lakshminarayana, Treasurer, will be the guests of honour. Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. L. J. Sudev, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, programme coordinators, faculty members and participants will be present on the occasion.

Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna and Prof. C.S. Thamme Gowda are the coordinators for this programme which aims to impart knowledge on basic concepts, governing laws, principles and applications of heat transfer.

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NON-ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BASED PROGRAMMES

Sl. No.	Programes offered	No. of Seats	Duration	Cost of Application Fee (in ₹)
8	B.Ed.Spl.Ed. (Hearing Impairment)	20	2 years	500 [325 for SC/ST/PWD]
9	Diploma in Hearing Aid and Ear Mould Technology (DHA & ET)	25	1 year	250 [150 for SC/ST/PWD]
10	Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	25	1 year	
11	Diploma in Hearing, Language and Speech (DHLS)#	25 (for each study center)	1 year	
12	PG Diploma in Clinical Linguistics for Speech Language Pathology (PGDCLSLP)	10	1 year	500 [325 for SC/ST/PWD]
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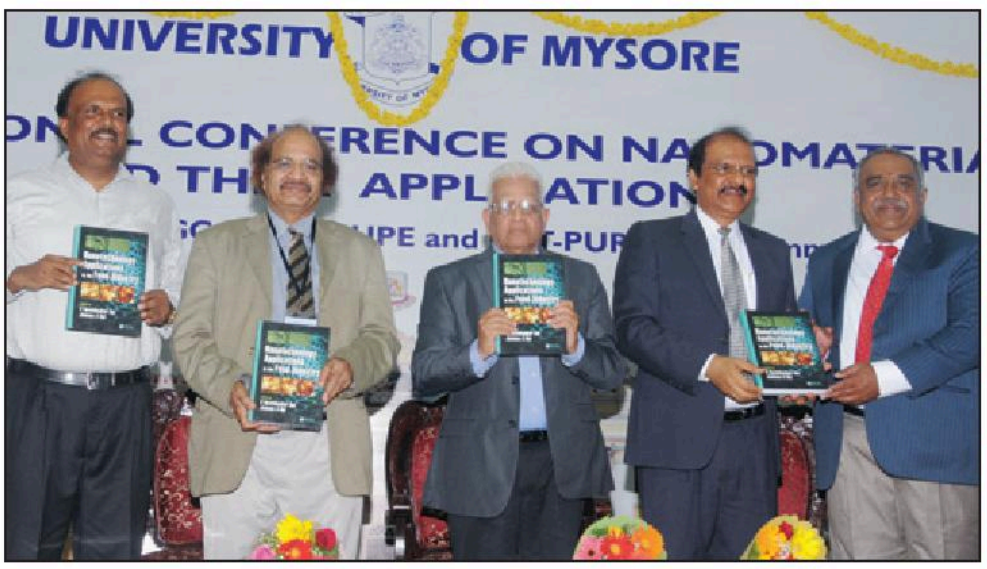

Prof. N. R. Shetty (centre), Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, who released a book on Nanotechnology Applications in the Food Industry during the international conference at the Vijnan Bhavan auditorium in Manasagangothri here this morning, is seen with Prof. V. Ravishankar Rai, Organising Chairman, Prof. G.D. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, Prof. K. Byrappa, Vice-Chancellor, Mangalore University and Dr. G. Hemanth Kumar, Chief Co-ordinator. Picture right shows a section of participants.

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (US&PM) - A two-day international conference on Nano-materials and their Applications organised by University of Mysore and supported by UGC-CPEPA, UPE and DST-PURSE programmes commenced this morning at Vijnan Bhavan auditorium in Manasagangothri here.

About 200 delegates are participating in the conference to deliberate and discuss on scaling up fundamental laboratory research to industrial scale with vast applications covering engineering, biology, food industry and medicine.

Inaugurating the programme, Prof. G.D. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, observed that nanotechnology had entered all sectors and claimed that many research centres on the subject were in South India. He pointed out that nanotechnology has gained such a paramount importance today that even economists are speaking on the topic with exclusive reference.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof. K. Byrappa, Vice-Chancellor, Mangalore University, contended that nanotechnology is not a new concept as it has roots from ages with application in Ayurveda. However, he opined that intensive research in nanotechnology has been benefiting the industrial sector.

A book on Nanotechnology Application in the Food Industry (edited by Prof. V. Ravishankar Rai and Dr. A. Jamuna Bai), was released on the occasion.

Central University of Karnataka Chancellor Prof. N.R. Shetty was the guest of honour.

Chief Co-ordinator Dr. G. Hemanth Kumar, Organising Chairman Prof. Ravishankar Rai, Convenor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Secretary Dr. S. Umesh and others were present.

Bird Census at Ranganathittu on Mar. 4

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) V. Yedukondalu said that the exercise will be conducted at Ranganathittu for the first time. From now, such census will be conducted four times a year — November, February, May and August.

"Food and accommodation will be provided by the Forest Department and the volunteers will be transported to Ranganathittu in our vehicles. This will be a scientific study and our initial estimates show that there are over 200 species of birds. However, we will wait for the exact count in the form of tabulation sheets," he said.

The department will provide binoculars, annexure of flora and fauna for reference, booklets and details of do's and don'ts during the census. Volunteers will also make rough sketches of birds and nests found on islands and make notes of vegetation.

The census will be conducted using a unique 'three-technique formula' — photography and videography, direct counting technique and nest counting. "Apart from volunteers, there will also be ornithologists from various places. The volunteers, majority of them amateur photographers and experts, will travel in 15 boats to count the birds.

Teams will note down all aspects like total count of birds, number of nests, chicks in each nest, trees preferred for nests, vegetation preferred by different species, their association with other species, height the birds prefer to sit or build nests on trees.

"We have decided on conducting four censuses annually as birds of different species arrive at the sanctuary in different seasons, have hatchlings and fly back home," he said. Apart from birds, the Forest Department is also counting crocodiles and river otters which are in abundance at the sanctuary.

Students write II PU exam

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But there was some confusion at Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College in Vijayanagar where a few parents alleged that their children's examination centre had been shifted to the Puttaswamy School at the last moment without their knowledge.

However, Dr. Dayanand told Star of Mysore that there was neither confusion nor inconvenience caused to students. "Some of the students are repeaters and hence they cannot be accommodated in the same school where they have applied to write the exams. Hence without any problem they were shifted to the neighbouring Puttaswamy School," he said.

There is about 8 to 10 per cent absenteeism for the exams today, he said and added however, the exact figures would be known only by evening.

The exams which began at 10.15 am ended at 1.30 pm. Tomorrow (Mar.2) examinations will be conducted for IT, Retail, Automobile, Healthcare, Beauty and Wellness.

Say it with roses

Meanwhile, Mysuru District Newspaper Dealers Association wished good luck for PU students by giving them roses, sweets and stationery items at Mahajana PU College and other colleges in city. The team included Association President Janardhan, Assistant Secretary A. Ravi, Newspaper Distributors Chandru, Varada, Chandrashekar and Shekar.

Physics paper easy

The students came out of the exam centres in a happy frame of mind. Many students whom *Star of Mysore* spoke to said that the Physics paper was easy as it contained 75 per cent of expected questions.

Shylendra of Marimallappa's said that Physics paper was really easy and he expected to score a distinction.

Similarly, a few students of Vishwaprajna Composite PU College were beaming as they came out of the centre. "We hope that other subjects would also be equally easy for us to write," they said

Colours of Holi...

Maharani's College students seen celebrating the festival of colours, Holi, at the college premises on JLB Road in the city this morning. Holi is being celebrated all over the country tomorrow (Mar.2). However, students were also seen splashing colours on each other in Maharaja's College, near Yuvaraja's College canteen and other colleges.

Man arrested for killing daughter

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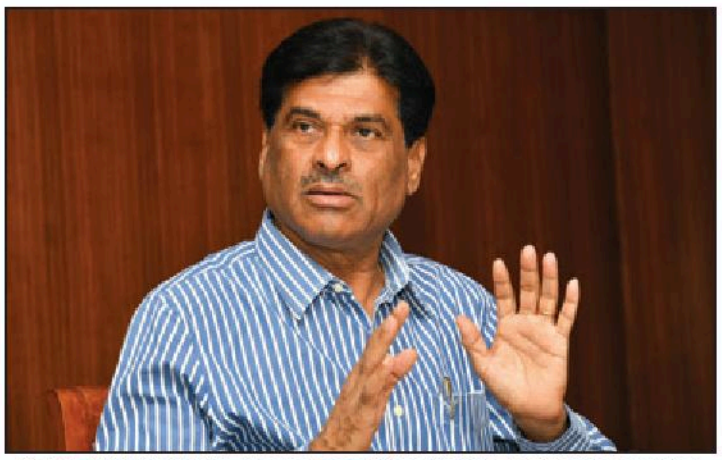
Sushma was studying at a college in Mysuru and was having the affair since one year. Her parents reportedly discontinued her studies and advised her to stay at home. Villagers said that Kumar was upset as his daughter continued her relationship.

On Feb. 21, Kumar allegedly took Sushma to his own field and forced her to drink poison. He later burnt the dead body in the field. However, not seeing Sushma at her house, some villagers questioned Kumar who gave evasive replies. Villagers later alerted the Police.

Based on the information given by the villagers, Circle Inspector Harish Kumar, Sub-Inspector Ashok and DySP Rai visited the village this morning and arrested Kumar.

I will soon release 'explosive' news on KSOU: Ex-VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa



Former VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa addressing the media this morning.

Mysuru, Mar.1(MTY&DM)- Declaring that he would shortly come up with highly sensitive information and explosive news in connection with Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) row, former KSOU and University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa has rubbished former Chief Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily's recent remarks indirectly targeted at him.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel here this morning, Prof. Rangappa said that Dr. Moily, in an indirect reference to him, had said at a press meet in the city that a former VC of KSOU had indulged in rampant corruption and looted money.

Although the former CM had not named him, Prof. Rangappa asserted that Moily's remarks were targeted at him and as such he was inviting him to join an open debate and also undergo a lie detector test to discover the truth.

Accusing Moily of acting at the behest of some who were inimical to him (Rangappa), the former VC said that Moily, being a former Chief Minister, a former Union Minister and current Lok Sabha MP should have got his facts correct before making such allegations.

Reminding Moily of his visit to KSOU years ago, Prof. Rangappa said that as the KSOU VC then, he (Rangappa) had facilitated his stay in the KSOU Guest House when Moily was scripting a book. After going around the campus, Dr. Moily had expressed delight then and had even complimented Rangappa for the pains he had taken to develop the Open University. "But I cannot understand what transpired Moily now to make baseless charges of corruption and loot. Perhaps Moily may have been influenced by people who were against me, now that I have joined politics," Prof. Rangappa observed.

Dismissing all allegations of corruption in KSOU when he was at the helm of the University, Prof. Rangappa claimed that a CID probe ordered by the Government, had not found him guilty of the charges. Also, several other probes initiated by the then government and the Governor-Chancellor against him did not find any wrong-doings by him, he said.

Asserting that as VC, he acted very much in accordance with the guidelines of the Indian Universities Act, he said that he was ready to face any further probe and that he was not scared of anything.

Reiterating his challenge to Moily, Prof. Rangappa said he was ready to take on Moily and others who have levelled charges, for a face-to-face debate, in which he will rebut all the charges, point-by-point.

Prof. Rangappa, who is the JD(S) nominee for the Chamaraja Constituency said that he is being targeted more of late after he entered politics last year. Expressing confidence that he will come out clean in any probe, he said that he has reached international level because of his own strength and not due to any other factors.

The KSOU row over non-recognition, will be solved in three months if the JD(S) was elected to power in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

'Parisara Mitra' School Award Presentation

Mysuru, Mar.1- 'Parisara Mitra School Award,' jointly instituted by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Janajagruti Grameena Abhivrudhi Samsthe, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Department of Public Instruction, will be presented at a programme to be held at **Town Hall in city at 10 am tomorrow (Mar.2).**

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep will inaugurate the programme. ZP CEO P. Shivashankar will preside.

Book release on Mar.3

Mysuru, Mar.1- Writer Shashikala Marigowda's work titled 'Mahatyagi Subbanna Mattitarara Kathegalu' will be released at a programme to be held at T.S. Subbanna Public High School premises atop Chamundi Hill at 10 am on Mar.3, according to Sharana Sahitya Parishat District President M. Chandrashekar.

Senior writer Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy will release the book. Former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda will preside.

Preparations in full swing for three-day Mega Job Mela

Mysuru, Mar.1 (PM&BCT)- Hectic preparations are on for the Divisional-level Mega Udyoga Mela and Skill Development at the Maharaja's College Grounds on Mar.3, 4 and 5. A preparatory meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday where DC D. Randeep directed the officials to make arrangements for a glitch-free Mela.

Thousands of job-seekers from Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Hassan and Chamarajanagar are expected to take part in the Mela and over 100 software companies are expected to participate.

The Mela is being organised by Labour, Employment Generation and Skill Development Ministry, Mysuru District Administration and Karnataka Skill Development Department. The companies are expected to recruit over 10,000 candidates for various jobs at different levels. The Mega Mela is being held at a cost of Rs.1.2 crore and job-seekers can register their names at *www.skillandjobfair.com;* Those candidates who have not registered too can attend the Mela.

Briefing press persons at Maharaja's College Grounds here this morning, MLA M.K. Somashekar said that about 15,000 candidates have registered for the Job Mela. He further said that the candidates would be groomed to face the interview on Mar.3 followed by regular interview on Mar.4 and 5.

Continuing, Somashekar said that CM Siddharamaiah would distribute the offer letters to candidates on Mar.5.

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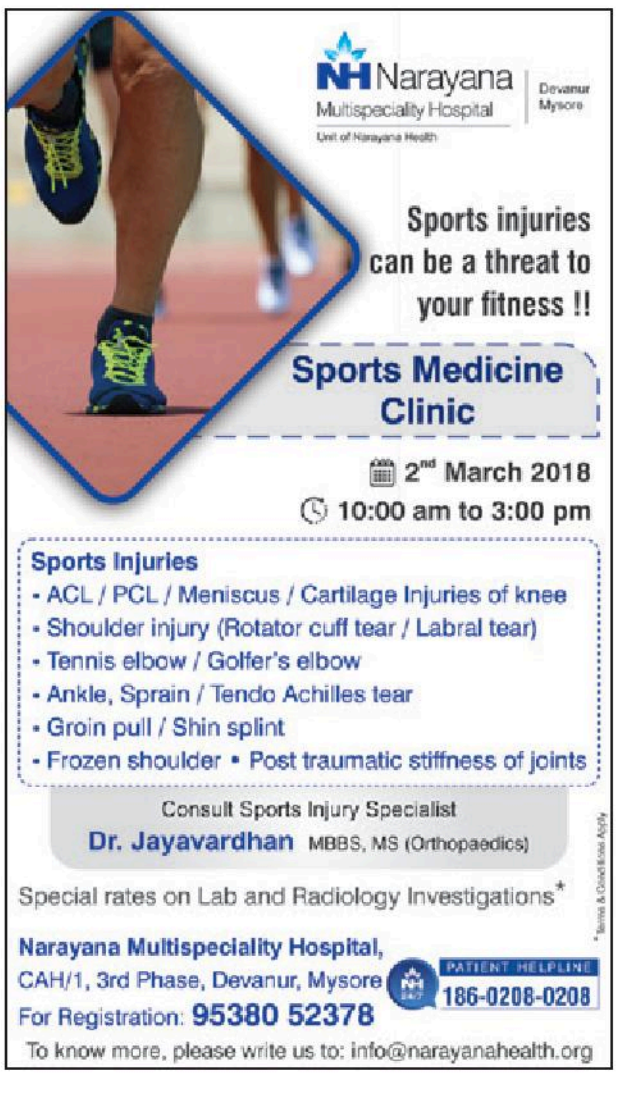
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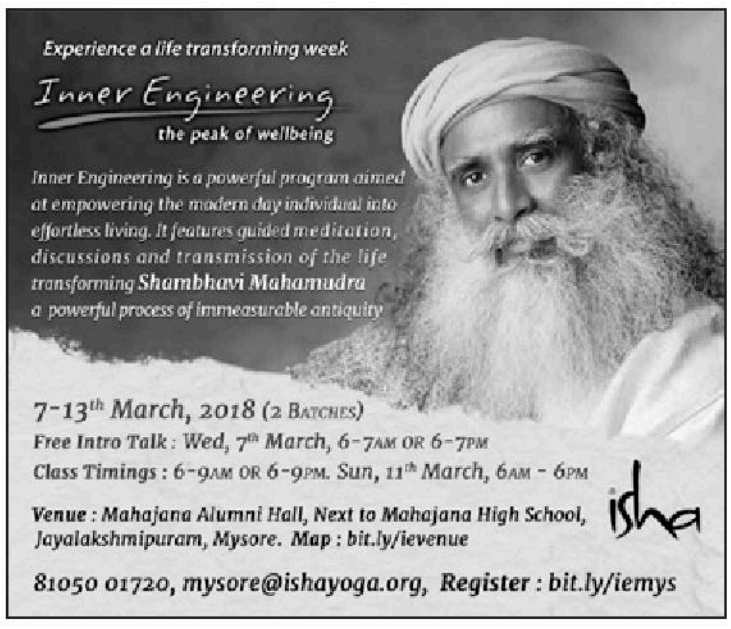
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Veena duet by Jayaraj and Jayashri at Ganabharathi on Mar.2

Mysuru, Mar.1- Ganabharathi has organised a veena duet by **Vid. J.T. Jayaraj Krishnan** and **Vidu. Jayashri Jayaraj Krishnan** on Mar.2 in memory of Veena Maestro *Ganakalabhushana* M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar at 6 pm.

They will be accompanied by **Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma** on mridanga and **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata.

PROFILE — J.T. Jayaraj Krishnan and Jayashri Krishnan are amongst the leading veena players in the Karnatak tradition. Based in Chennai, they have dedicated themselves towards preserving and propagating the "Gayaki" style of playing the Veena.

A-graded veena artistes of AIR Chennai, this couple has regaled audiences in India and abroad.

Jayaraj and Jayashri belong to the direct Shishya Parampara of Nadajyoti Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar, who is one of the Trinity of Karnatak Music.

Born and brought up in Kolkata, both started their intensive training in vocal and veena at a very tender age under the tutelage of Vainika Vidwan late A. Anantharama Iyer and his sister late A. Champakavalli who continued the Dikshitar Parampara, which they imbibed from their father Brahmasri Ananthakrishna Iyer, a direct disciple of Ambi Dikshitar, the great grand nephew of Muthuswamy Dikshitar.

They have received many awards and titles. They have started an organisation called "*Veenavaadhini*" with multifarious objectives — teaching keen students the art of veena playing; conducting chamber concerts to provide an accessible platform for musicians.

The latest feather in their cap is the launch of a one of its kind Mobile App called *VeenaJJ*, which is currently available at the *Google Play Store* and will showcase 1,000 compositions and 100 ragas played by them on the veena.

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar to perform at 'Navilugari' prog. today

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar

Mysuru, Mar.1- As part of its monthly cultural programme 'Navilugari,' the Mysuru Branch of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahsamsthana Mutt has organised 'Dasa Geetha Sudha Taranga,' a devotional music programme by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar at B.G.S. Vidyapeetha on Sri Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar today (Mar.1) at 6.30 pm. Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970488 or 2460245.

Akhila Karnataka Kuchipudi Nrithyotsava on Mar.3

Mysuru, Mar.1- AKKN (Akhila Karnataka Kuchipudi Nrithyotsava), a Mega Dance Festival has been organised in city on Mar.3 by Natyasaraswathi Kuchipudi Dance Academy and an NGO from Bengaluru, headed by Dr. Saraswathi Rajathesh, a Dental doctor, who holds Masters in Dance. Since 2009, the Festival showcased more than 500 dancers and teachers invited from across the country.

The present year will be the 10th addition to be held at KSGH Music and Performing Arts University (10 am onwards) and Jaganmohan Palace (4 pm onwards) in Mysuru on Mar.3 inviting artistes from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

On the occasion, 'Kuchipudi Natyasaraswathi Puraskar - 2018' will be conferred on Guru Pasumarthy Keshava Prasad and Guru Veena Samaga (Udupi). Also, 'Sahitya Saraswathi Award' will be presented to Vizai Bhaskar (Director of Cultural Affairs, Andhra Pradesh)

Disciples of Dr. Saraswathi, Dr. Veena, Shivaprasad, Dr. Vasant Kiran, Dharani, Sudha and Karpargam, etc., will perform. The Festival also features special performances by Guru Deepa Narayan, Amarnath Ghosh, Sambasiva Rao and Kavyakala.

Kuchupudi-Manipuri Dance Fusion will be a special attraction by Uma and Angabala.

Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy (Mysuru), Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar (VC of Music University) and Vizai Bhaskar (Director of Cultural Affairs, Andhra Pradesh) will be the guests of honour. The event will be anchored by Dr. Chetana Radhakrishna and Badri Bhushan, noted dancers of Mysuru.

The event is supported by the Department of Kannada & Culture, Mysuru, Telugu Samskritika Samithi, Department of Culture, Andhra Pradesh and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru.

For details, contact Mob: 98801-62774.

A Divine Tribute to Bala Saraswati

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

It is indeed a blessing that Mysuru has abundant access to classical dance, especially Bharatanatyam. Ganabharathi had organised a Bharatanatyam concert by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy on Feb.16, in memory of the dance legend Bala Saraswati.

A book titled *'Dharegilida Natya Taare'* on the legend penned by Sri Venugopal was also released on the occasion.

Prior to her dance performance, Dr. Vasundhara spoke about the life and achievement of Bala Saraswati. Tanjore Bala Saraswati was a celebrated Indian classical dancer, who was awarded the prestigious *Padma Bhushan* and also the *Padma Vibhushan* awards. A temple musician and dancer, and the granddaughter of Veena Dhanammal, she was encouraged and accompanied by her mother in her performances.

Bala Saraswati created a revolution for Bharatanatyam and later attracted international critical attention. She also established a dance school at Madras and travelled globally training new dancers. She visited USA repeatedly and held residencies at Wesleyan University, California Institute of Arts and University of Washington at Seattle. She received numerous awards for her achievement including

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy

Sangeet Natak Academy Award from the President of India and was the sole dance recipient of *Sangeeta Kala Nidhi.* Satyajit Ray has made a documentary film on her named 'Bala.'

Dr.Vasundhara's performance for the day was the traditional 'margam.' She is a danseuse with no compromise on quality. She dedicated her first item 'Mela Prapti' to Bala Saraswati, through which she offered obeisance to Bala Saraswati gracefully describing her as 'Gana Saraswati and 'Natya Saraswati. In the next piece Allaripu, 'Shivashtakam' was intelligently woven with also statuesque yoga postures. 'Shree Valli Deva Senapate,' in Natabhairavi by Papanashanam Shivam picturised the story of Shanmukha and Tarakasura Vadha.

Dr. Vasundhara's artistry and choreography shone in Dwaraki Krishnaswamy's padavarna in Keeravani that followed in which her footwork, Jatis, delicate abhinaya and gati were explicit.

Dr. Vasundhara started the varna with the charana part 'Shri Partha Sarathe Dasha Vidha swaroopa Geetamruta subhodaka' and then came to the pallavi 'Sundara mohana muralidhara neela megha Shyama,' expanding each line beautifully.

The episode of Kamsa pestering Devaki to surrender her babies to him, Vasudeva crossing the river in the rain with baby Krishna, the snake covering the baby with the hood, and then in the charana, the Bhagavad Gita episode with Arjuna's agony in the beginning, Krishna filling courage and valor in him culminating in the Vishwa Roopa Darshana of the Lord were all shown with minute detail, carrying the audience to the time.

The later half of the performance included the popular padam 'Taye Yashoda' in Todi, wherein Krishna's 'Kalinga Mardana' was depicted effectively while familiar Devaranama 'Krishna Nee Begane Baro' by Shri Vyasaraya in Yaman Kalyani showing Yashoda's immeasurable love for Krishna brought tears to the spectator. Dr. Vasundhara closed the evening's recital with the tillana in Kapi.

P. Rama on vocal was her usual best. **Sandesh Bhargav** offered Natuvanga with utter devotion to his Guru. **Rakesh** was melodious on flute and **Hanumanta Raju** was lively and apt on mridanga.

City Whistlers make it to India and Asia Book of Records

In a unique event, a group of 150 Indian whistlers have made it to India and Asia Book of Records for 'Most People Whistling Together.' The group, under the umbrella of Indian Whistlers' Association (IWA), successfully attempted the National Records by whistling two patriotic songs — 'Saare Jahan Se Achha' and 'Hum Honge Kamyab' on Feb.25 at Cochin. The result of Limca Book of Records, a third feat which was simultaneously attempted, is awaited. Picture shows Mysuru youths — M.V. Subbakrishna (No.147), Head-Competency Centre/ESK Labs at Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru and V. Nikhil Prabhu (No.104), Senior Manager - Finance at Automotive Axles Limited, Mysuru — who were part of the team along with the jury Ashok Kumar Sharma (Asia Book of Records) and Radha Sharma (India Book of Records).

KSCA Group II Division League

Chethan shines in Triton SC's win

Bengaluru, Mar.1- An inspiring knock of 141 by L.R. Chethan helped Triton SC, Mysuru, to register a facile 185-run win over BEML Rail Coach, Bengaluru, in the KSCA Group-II, 2nd Division tie played at Bengaluru recently.

SCORES

Triton Sports Club: 362 for 5 in 50 overs (L.R. Chethan 141, Mallikarjun 81, Yogesh 56 n.o., Rohit Gowda 2 for 67, Muniraj 2 for 78) bt **BEML Rail Coach, Bengaluru:** 177 in 30.2 overs (Suraj 35, Kushal 40, Madhu Kumar 30, Uttam Gowda 2 for 22, Sai Shiv Narayan 2 for 19, Yogesh 2 for 18).

Corporation Bank: 145 in 29.5 overs (Salaudin Gazi 35, Manjunath 41, S. Ankith 3 for 26, M.R. Raghu 3 for 23) lost to **South Western Railway Institute, Mysuru:** 148 for 3 in 25.1 overs (S. Ankith 56, Suhas Gowda 33, Yogananda 28 n.o.).

BHEL (EDN) Sports Club: 170 in 40.5 overs (Bhaskar 39, Praveen 76, R. Madhusudhan 2 for 31, Shantharaju 5 for 31, Nandakishore 2 for 23) lost to **NR Sports Club, Mysuru:** 171 for 2 in 23 overs (Venkatesh 76, Vyshak Vijayakumar 33, Yashaswin 44 n.o.).

LRDE Sports Club: 128 in 36.4 overs (Mohan Krishna 41, Vishwas 4 for 39, Chethan 3 for 10) lost to **India Bulls Housing Finance Ltd., Mysuru:** 129 for 5 in 15.4 overs (D.Vijeth 27, Arjun 40 n.o., Surendhar 34, Yatheesh 2 for 26).

Excel in National Roller Skating

Deeksha and Kalpana

Mysuru, Mar. 1- Deeksha Devangi and Kalpana Kutappa, students of Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School, Mysuru, excelled in the National-level Roller Skating Championship conducted at Chennai, recently.

Deeksha Devangi has been selected to take part in the International Skating Championship to be held at China in April.

Mysore Varsity Inter-Zonal Softball Winners

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, emerged winners at the Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zonal Softball Tournament for Men conducted by the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM). Seen in the picture are** (sitting from left) **Capt. Yodan Hruday, P.S. Madhusudana, Physical Education Director, Dr. S. Venkataramu, Principal, R. Vasudevamurthy, President, Mahajana Education Society (MES), Dr. S.R. Ramesh, Chief Executive Officer and Academic Advisor, Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, PE Director, Dr. K.K. Somashekar;** (standing) **K.B. Nandan, Hemanth Kumar, M.B. Darshan, Sanath, Poovaiah, Sachin, Lakshmisagar, Surya Naragund, Satish, Rakshith, Govardan Sagar, S. Chetan and Rohith Suthar.

Indian golfers at Sir Nick Faldo Asia Pacific Golf finals

City's upcoming golfer Pranavi S. Urs** (second from right) **is part of the Indian team that is taking part in the ongoing Sir Nick Faldo Asia Pacific Golf Tourney finals in Vietnam (Mar.1 to 3).

UoM Inter-Zonal Men Games 2017-18

PGSC, Manasagangothri wins Kho-Kho title

Mysuru, Mar. 1- The men's Kho-Kho team of PGSC, Manasagangothri, clinched the title by beating Govt. Arts & Commerce College, Hassan, in the final 11-6, of the Inter-Zonal University of Mysore's (UoM) Men's Games, conducted jointly by Maharaja's College and the Dept. of Physical Education, UoM, at the University Grounds here yesterday.

Maharaja's College, Mysuru and SBRR Mahajana FGC will meet in the final of the Throwball event, while SBRR Mahajana FGC and PES College (Mandya) will meet in the Football finals to be played today.

RESULTS

Kho-Kho: 1st place - PGSC, Manasagangothri; **2nd -** Govt. Arts & Commerce College, Hassan; **3rd -** NDRK FGC, Hassan.

Table Tennis: 1st - SBRR Mahajana FGC; **2nd -** JSS College Ooty Road, Mysuru; **3rd -** Govt. Autonomous College, Mandya.

Ball-Badminton: 1st - GFGC, Bharathinagar; **2nd -** JSS College Ooty Road, Mysuru and **3rd -** Govt. Arts & Commerce, College, Hassan.

MDFA 'C' Division Football League

Facile win for Dynamic FC

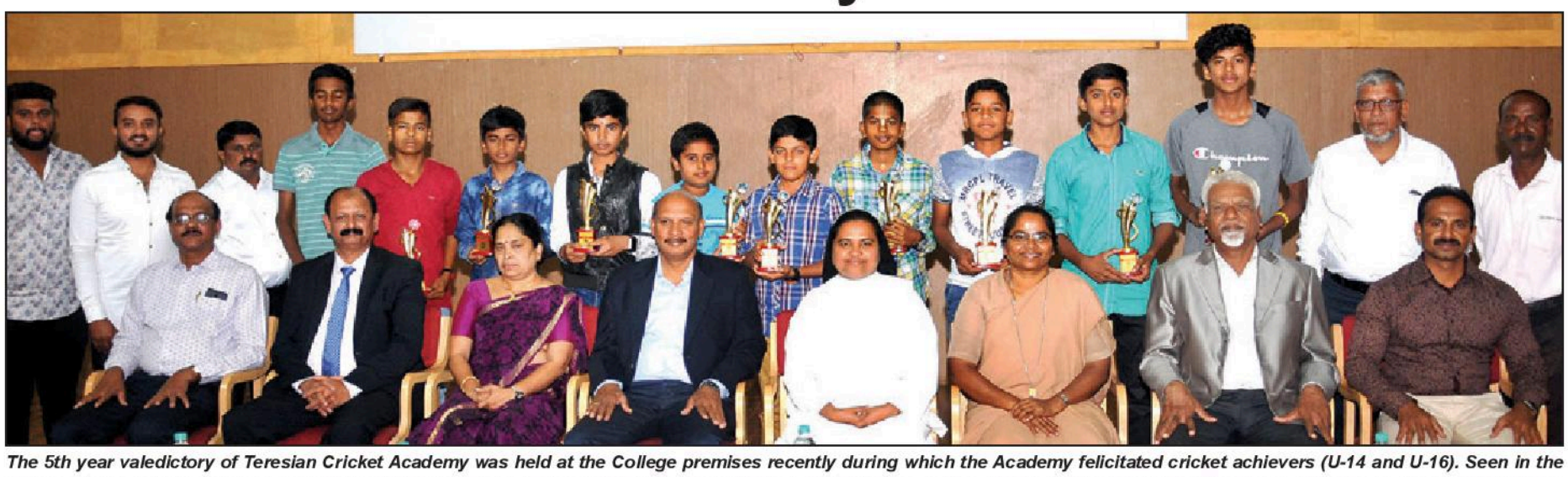
Mysuru, Mar. 1- Dynamic FC registered a 2-0 win over Lucky XI FC in the MDFA 'C' Division League tie for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Tuesday.

RESULTS

Dynamic FC: 2 (Aayush 3, Nitesh 60) bt **Lucky XI FC:** 0.

Monday's Match: Govt. Press FC: 2 (Yesu Kumar 42, David 53) bt **Challenge Union FC:** 0.

Teresian Cricket Academy felicitates achievers



The 5th year valedictory of Teresian Cricket Academy was held at the College premises recently during which the Academy felicitated cricket achievers (U-14 and U-16). Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Arun, Adil, Assistant Coach, Teresian Cricket Academy, Sridhar, Parents Association, Member, Teresian Cricket Academy, Abinoam G. Jacob, KSCA Zone-level Cricket Tournament (U-16), 2017-18, Venu Gopal, DDPI Divisional-level Cricket Tournament (U-16), 2017-18, Sachin Gwoda, DDPI Divisional-level Cricket Tournament (U-14), 2017-18, H. Pavan, DDPI State-level Cricket Tournament (U-14), 2017-18, Likith S. Gowda, KSCA Zone & DDPI Division-level Cricket Tournament (U-14), 2017-18, Kamaran Khan Ghori, KSCA District-level & DDPI State-level Cricket Tournament (U-14), 2017-18, S. Chandra Shekar, South Zone Regional-level Swimming Competition (U-14), 2017-18, Chethan, DDPI Divisional-level Cricket Tournament (U-14), 2017-18, Rakshith Gowda, DDPI Divisional-level Cricket Tournament (U-16), 2017-18, Venu Gopal, DDPI Divisional-level Cricket Tournament (U-16), 2017-18, Md. Khan Ghori, Parents Association, Member, Teresian Cricket Academy, Mahdeva, Ground Marker;** (sitting from left) **Prof. V.K. Jose, former Principal, Teresian College, Mysuru, Dr. N.B. Suresh, Volleyball Coach, SAI, Kerala, Dr. Veena M. D'Almeida, Principal, Teresian College, Mysuru, S. Balachandar, Convener, KSCA, Mysuru Zone, Mysuru, Dr. Sr. Sajitha, Director, Teresian Institution and Chairman of the Teresian Cricket Academy, Rev. Dr. Sr. Prafula, Principal, Teresian PU College, Mysuru, Dr. Mansoor Ahamed, Cricket Coach, University of Mysuru and Teresian Cricket Academy, Mysuru and Anthony Moses, Physical Education Director and Director of Teresian Cricket Academy, Mysuru. Dr. Anto Richard, Department of History, Teresian PU College, Mysuru, welcomed the guests. The programme was co-ordinated by Shivali, III B.Com student, Teresian College, Mysuru. Anthony Moses proposed a vote of thanks.

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16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
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16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.00 pm	09.00 pm	07.00 am	9.45 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.30 pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	09.30 pm	03.30 am (Sundays & Tuesdays)	06.00 am
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Exp.	07.00 pm	09.50 pm	06.20 am	09.15 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Exp.	07.40 pm	11.05 pm	04.30 am	08.00 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am(Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	08.30 pm	11.25 pm	04.00 am	06.50 am
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJANAGAR (Passengers)

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep Ch'nagar	Arr.Mys
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.20 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

		Dep.Mys	Arr.A'kere	Dep A'kere	Arr.Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am (Sunday)	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm (Friday)
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	8.30 am	02.45 pm (Yesvantpur)	01.00 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.00 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.30 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.05 pm (Friday)	01.40 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

		Dep.	Arr.
16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
16524/18	Karwar/KannurMysore Express	02.40 pm (Kar)	5.15 am (Mys) 5.30 am leaves for Bangalore

[The train reaches Kannur at 11.35 am and departs at 4.30 pm]

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1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station; 2) Tejaswi Enterprises, # 115, opposite Thaponandana Park, Panchamanthra Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore570 023
(Ph: 2341111); 3) Ravitheja Enterprises #514 Bharath Mansion, New Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysore (08214256789).

For battery operated vehicle facility call Mob: 97316-18884

NOTE: Computerised Advanced Reservation facility is also available at Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Ashram Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417311) and Siddarthanagar Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417335), Sharma Services, Keerthi Plaza, Chamundipuram, Mysore Ph: 08214289032. Railway timetable is published in *Star of Mysore* every Thursday.

TEASER By N. Prakash

Cancellation, partial cancellation and regulation of trains

Mysuru, Mar.1- Railway has permitted Line Block for non-interlock work at Devaraja Railway Station from Mar.3 to 4.

As such, Train No. 56921, Hubballi - Belagavi Passenger will be cancelled on Mar. 2 and paring Train No. 56922, Belagavi - Hubballi Passenger will be cancelled on Mar. 3.

Train No. 51419/51420, Miraj - Hubballi - Miraj Passenger will be partially cancelled between Hubballi - Londa - Hubballi and run between Miraj - Londa - Miraj on Mar. 3.

Train No. 11304, Kolhapur - Hyderabad Express will be regulated at Londa for 60 minutes on Mar.3.

Train No. 11048, Hubballi - Miraj Express will be rescheduled by 75 minutes at Hubballi on Mar.4.

Train No.17309, Yesvantpur - Vasco da Gama Express will be regulated for 60 minutes at Hubballi/en route on Mar. 4 and 5, according to a press release from the Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

Permanent augmentation of trains with additional coach

Mysuru, Mar.1- South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to permanently augment with one second class sleeper coach for Train No. 17323, Hubballi - Varanasi Weekly Express with effect from Mar. 2 and Train No. 17324, Varanasi - Hubballi Weekly Express with effect from Mar. 3.

The revised train composition will have one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier coach, seven second class sleeper coaches, six general second class coaches, two luggage cum brake van with disabled friendly compartment.

President-in-Chief of All India Anglo-Indian Assn. visits Mysuru

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **AIAIA-New Delhi President-in-Chief Barry O'Brien, Bishop of Mysuru Rev. Dr. K.A. William and MLA and AIAIA Hon. General Secretary Vinisha Nero.

Mysuru, Mar.1- The President-in-Chief of the All India Anglo-Indian Association (AIAIA), New Delhi, Barry O'Brien visited Mysuru recently and met with the members of the Anglo-Indian Community at St. Mary's Hall, St. Joseph's Cathedral Campus, Mysuru.

The President-in-Chief was accompanied by Vinisha Nero, MLA, Hon. General Secretary of the AIAIA and Governing body member of Karnataka and Goa.

During his visit to Mysuru, he also met the Bishop of Mysuru, Rev. Dr. K.A. William and discussed matters pertaining to the Anglo-Indian community and Christians on the whole.

An ad hoc Committee was constituted with the following members: Crezvel Coates, President; Maryann McNerney, Hon. Secretary; Charles Lewis, Hon. Treasurer; G.A. Edwards, Carmel Ellis, Caroline Daly, Norbert Brown, Joy Dove, Fabian Cuffley, Committee Members.

More than 25 haystacks gutted,
CT scan machine destroyed in fire

Chamarajanagar, Mar.1 (SS, SOMG&KS)- More than 25 haystacks were reduced to ashes in accidental fire at various places in the district and a CT scan machine at Ashwini Diagnostic Centre on Double Road has also been destroyed in a fire mishap last evening.

The fire was noticed at the diagnostic centre last evening and the thick black smoke was noticed by the workers of a garage behind the diagnostic centre, who immediately informed the Fire Brigade Station.

Fire Brigade personnel, who rushed to the spot, broke a portion of the wall of the diagnostic centre, managed to douse the fire and prevented the fire from causing further damage and spreading further. But by then, the fire had already destroyed the CT Scan machine worth about Rs.1.5 crore and also other machines and equipment.

At Amachawadi: Haystacks worth about Rs.20,000 belonging to farmer Bangarappa was destroyed in an accidental fire. Fire Brigade personnel, who rushed to the spot, doused the fire and prevented the fire from spreading further.

At Gundlupet: Accidental fire has reduced more than 25 haystacks at Kaggala village in the taluk besides damaging five houses at Dalit Colony in the village yesterday afternoon.

The fire mishap took place when the residents of the Colony consisting of labourers had gone to work. It is learnt that some had dumped ash along with red-hot coal into the garbage pit, which triggered the fire and the wind which carried the sparks ignited the haystacks nearby. Hay was stacked as fodder to the cattle.

Villagers, who noticed smoke emanating from the Colony informed the Fire Brigade personnel, who rushed to the spot and tried to douse the fire but the wind was carrying the sparks to other places resulting in fire being erupted in many places at once resulting in the water of the fire extinguisher getting over.

Soon, fire extinguishers were also summoned from Chamarajanagar, while the empty fire extinguisher vehicle had to refill from nearby agricultural ponds and lakes. It took nearly three hours for the Fire personnel to bring the fire under control.

Houses belonging to Mahadevaiah, Koosamma, Gurusiddaiah, Venkatamma and Rachaiah were partially burnt and wood, coconut shells, bullock cart, coconut trees and other household items including food grains were destroyed.

Tahsildar K. Siddu, Fire and Emergency Services Commandant Naveen Kumar, Dy.SP Jayakumar, Circle Inspector Balakrishna and others visited the spot.

MP Pratap Simha inaugurates new Nehru Yuva Kendra Hall

MP Pratap Simha and former Minister A.H. Vishwanath are seen unveiling the plaque of the new Nehru Yuva Kendra Hall at Vishweshwaranagar in city yesterday as Nehru Yuva Kendra's Mysuru District Youth Co-ordinator M.N. Nataraj, Principal Ramegowda (retd.), Varakodu Prakash and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar.1 (RKB&NNN)- MP Pratap Simha called upon the youth to chalk out a bright future by utilising various programmes which the Centre has designed for the youth.

He was speaking after inaugurating a new Nehru Yuva Kendra Hall at Vishweshwaranagar and the District Youth Convention and Cultural Programme, here yesterday. Instead of being influenced completely by social media and the internet, youth should learn to discriminate and use only the good side of it and shape their lives, he said.

Every year two crore youth are entering the job market. The Centre realising this has opened Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Training Centres all over the State including Mysuru. Skill Development training is also being imparted and youth should utilise this, he said.

Under the MUDRA scheme, loans are being provided to start small businesses, apart from loans to Scheduled Caste under Start-up India scheme. The youth can also make use of these schemes, he said.

On the occasion, 175 youth, who were given training in stitching, embroidery and beautician courses in Nehru Yuvaka Kendra, were distributed certificates.

'Nannawwa' cultural troupe of Yachenahalli in T. Narasipur taluk was presented the District's Best Youth Association Award which carries a cash prize of Rs.25,000 and a citation.

Former Minister A.H. Vishwanath, Srihari of GSS Foundation, Nehru Yuva Kendra's Mysuru District Youth Co-ordinator M.N. Nataraj, Principal Ramegowda (retd.), Varakodu Prakash, Prof. Prasanna Kumar of Siddharthanagar Government First Grade College and others were present.

According to 2014 National Youth Policy those in the age group of 15 and 29 years are considered youth and in the present population of 125 crore in the country, 45 crore are youth. In the whole world the largest number of youth population is found in India.

— M.N. Nataraj, District Youth Co-ordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mysuru

Instead of applying for jobs, you must become self-employed and provide jobs to other youths.

—A.H. Vishwanath, former Minister

Govt. employees get 30 percent wage hike

Bengaluru, Mar.1- The State Government, which has accepted the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission yesterday, issued an order hiking the wage of Government employees by 30 percent. The wage hike comes into retrospective effect from July 1, 2017 and other monetary benefits will be made available from April 1, 2018.

The wage hike will also benefit pensioners.

It may be mentioned here that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had announced wage hike in the Budget presented on Feb.16.

State Govt. staff to felicitate CM

Mysuru, Mar.1 (RKB&DM)- With Chief Minister Siddharamaiah issuing an order on 30 percent wage hike for Government employees, the Karnataka State Government Employees Association will felicitate the Chief Minister at Employees Meet to be held at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Mar.3.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Association Hon. President H.K. Ramu thanked the State Government for implementing the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission.

He said that about 7,000 employees from the district will be attending the Mar.3 Meet at Bengaluru.

New CHESCom Sub-Division Office at Varuna

Mysuru, Mar.1- CHESCom has opened a new Sub-Divisional Office at Varuna in the taluk to cater to the power needs of Varuna, Megalapura, Devalapura, Mellahalli and surrounding villages.

The power consumers can call the Sub-Divisional AEE [Mob: 94808-41189] to register their complaints.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ad hoc

Pronunciation: AD-HOCK (adjective).

Meaning: Concerned with a particular end or purpose or formed or used for specific or immediate problems or needs.

Origin: In Latin, ad hoc literally means "for this." That historical meaning is clearly reflected in contemporary English uses of ad hoc — anything that is ad hoc can be thought of as existing "for this purpose only." For example, an "ad hoc committee" is generally authorized to look into a single matter of limited scope, not to pursue any issue of interest. Ad hoc can also be used as an adverb meaning "for the case at hand apart from other applications," as in "a commission created ad hoc." The adverb is older: it has been used in English since the mid-17th century, whereas the adjective did not become part of the language until about the mid-19th century.

THE ODD WORD

Dossier

A file containing detailed records.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A miss is as good as a mile

Meaning: The fact of failure or escape is not affected by the narrowness of the margin.

Origin: This proverbial saying dates from the 18th century. The first example of it that I can find in print is from the USA, in the journal The American Museum, Volume 3, 1788: A smart repartee... will carry you through with eclat such as, 'a miss is as good as a mile'. The expression may or may not be American in origin, but the root source is certainly the British Isles. Similar expressions were in circulation there more than a century earlier; for example, this piece from William Camden's Remaines of a Greater Worke Concerning Britaine, 1614: An ynche in a misse is as good as an ell. [An ell is a now obsolete English measure of length, equalling about 45 inches.] Camden's version is clearly essentially the same phrase as 'a miss is as good as a mile', the dimensions being those of the early 17th century. The expression was also considered proverbial in Scotland by the 18th century, where James Kelly included it in A Complete Collection of Scotish Proverbs, 1721: An Inch of a miss is as good as a span. Kelly wrote 'span' as 'spaw', but it is clear what he meant - a span is the distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger of a man's hand, usually formalised as 9 inches. Perhaps more recent changes in dimensions will lead us to 'a miss is as good as a kilometre'. Until then, we will have to make do with the American 'close but no cigar'.

QUOTE BOX

The advance of technology is based on making it fit in so that you don't really even notice it, so it's part of everyday life. **—Bill Gates**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus

Answer: Tongue in cheek.

SUDOKU

	3		6					
				9			5	
		7			1	6		4
8				2			1	6
	4						3	
6	2			5				7
9		4	2			1		
	7			1				
					3		9	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	2	5	7	9	8	6	1
7	8	9	4	1	6	5	2	3
1	5	6	8	2	3	9	7	4
9	3	4	6	8	1	2	5	7
6	7	8	2	4	5	3	1	9
5	2	1	9	3	7	4	8	6
2	9	3	7	6	8	1	4	5
4	6	5	1	9	2	7	3	8
8	1	7	3	5	4	6	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
4 Answer, abbr.
7 Instrument Landing Sys.
10 Physique
11 ____ tight : refuses to budge or yield, in a way?
13 Small piece of land
14 Move crabwise
16 A confederate
17 Lassoes
19 Surrounding atmosphere
21 Northerly compass pt.
24 Bread spread?
25 American politician
27 The sharp hooked nails of an animal
29 Ms Patil or Ms Jaykar of Bollywood
30 Count Leo _____ : author of "War and Peace"?
33 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
34 Off. Training Sch.
35 Spider or scorpion
38 Large Scottish Highlands rowboat
39 Ninth letter of Greek alphabet
42 Tomb inscriptions
46 Lacklustre
47 "Erne" anagram for a French man
48 Aircraft Earth Station
49 Highest in cards
50 One's progenitor
51 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

C	C	C			S	F	E		N	A	G	S
I	T	O			E	R	A		E	T	U	I
C	O	M	M	O	N	E	R		S	E	T	S
		P	O	S	T	U	L	A	T	E	S	
S	L	O	P	E		D	O	V	E			
O	A	S				B	I	G	H	A		
T	R	E	V	O	R		E	D	G	I	N	G
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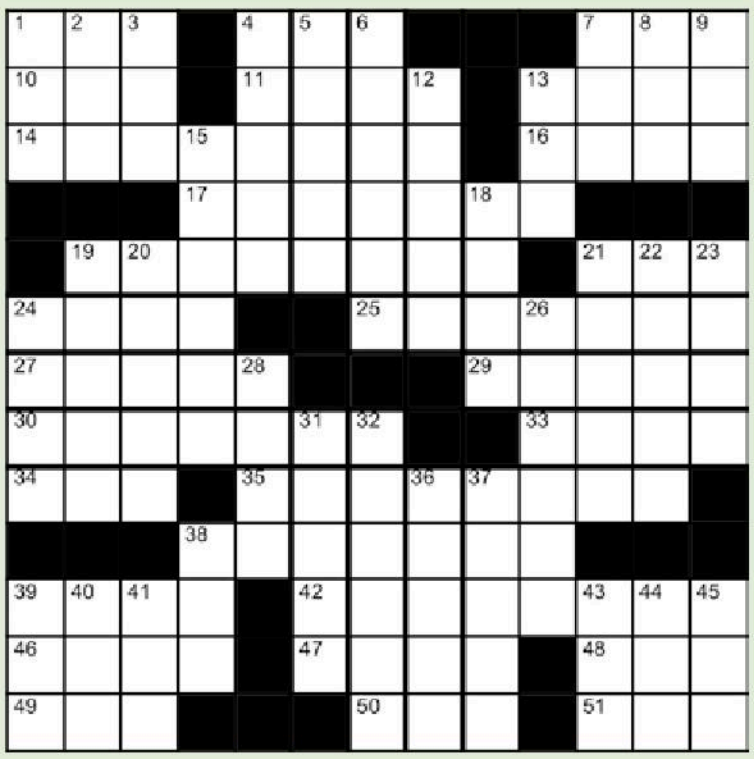
			R	E	N	O		A	S	H	E	S
	H	E	N	C	E	F	O	R	T	H		
K	I	W	I		W	A	N	T	M	O	R	E
I	D	E	S		A	G	A			P	U	T
N	E	S	H		L	E	M			E	G	O

DOWN

1 Absolute, in short
2 Hawaiian food made from rice
3 ___ in : include?
4 Very, musically
5 "Inert" anagram for a type of fertilizer?
6 Beer glasses
7 Unfavourable or sick
8 Little old lady, acronym?
9 A filthy place, all will agree?
12 Set out at regular intervals
13 A step or steps in dancing?
15 Nudges or jostles, in a way
18 Double digits
19 Share out
20 Repasts - dinners or suppers
21 Former South African paceman Makhaya ___
22 Observed; famous
23 Part of QED
24 Eight as a prefix
26 "Man, Ada" changes into another girl?
28 Remain or reside in a place or condition
31 An abalone?
32 Chattered noisily, like a small dog, perhaps ?
36 ____ clay : kaolin?
37 Very greatly disliked
38 Laboratory, in short
39 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
40 A mythical monster, as an ogre
41 Thomas Alva Edison's initials
43 From the frying ____ into the fire?
44 Cry of the yachtsman!
45 Opp. direction to NNW



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TD KCD KVV KGB BN YDVHDQD TEKB BED

TNCVU YDVHDQDF KYNZB ZF

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Writing about music is like dancing about architecture.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Rankal Raate	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Satyadev IPS	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Rangbirangi	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ganda Oorig Hodaga	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Welcome to New York	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lovers Club	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kalakalappu-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Black Panther	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.10 pm 9.55 pm
Tholi Prema (Te)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Death Wish (E)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Tagaru (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 4.15 pm, 7.00, 9.45 pm

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Tagaru (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 9.05 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Welcome to New York (H)	(S-3)	12.25 pm
Rangbirangi (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Rankal Raate (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	6.00 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi Toh	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh..	6:00 pm Crime Patrol Satark
Piya Morey	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:00 Yeh Un Dinon Ki
7:30 Kaleerein	8:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu	Baat Hai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	Baithaa Hai	7:30 Mere Sai
8:30 Piyaa Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	8:20 Vighnaharta Ganesh
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	8:50 Porus
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:20 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00 pm Vivo Ipl Hls	5:00 pm Mega Transports
6:00 Dual Survival	6:30 Hero Indian Super League 2017/18 Hls	6:00 Primal Survivor
7:00 How Do They Do It?	7:00 Nz Vs Eng 2018 Odi	7:00 The Challenger Disaster
7:30 What Went Down	7:30 Cricket Countdown Ipl 2018	8:00 Big Cat Week
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:00 Vivo Ipl Hls	9:00 Prime @ 9
9:00 Diesel Brothers	8:30 Nz Vs Eng 2018 Odi Hls	10:00 The Story Of Us With Morgan Freeman
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	10:00 Cricket Countdown IPL 2018	11:00 Unpublished
11:00 Paranormal Witness		
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	6:30 pm Mahaganapathi	6:00 pm Aramane
7:00 Dhobi Pachhaad	7:00 Gouri	6:30 Jo Jo Laali
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:00 Kaveri
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	7:30 Avalu
10:00 Ben 10	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:00 Brahamhastra
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:00 Nandhini	8:30 Nandini
	9:30 Premam	9:30 Manasa Sarovara

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:39 pm **Zootopia**	4:32 pm **The Last Airbender**	5:19 pm **Dante's Peak**
6:46 **Ratatouille**	6:27 **Fences**	7:12 **Street Fighter**
8:59 **Kung Fu Hustle**	9:00 **King Arthur**	9:01 **Poseidon Rex**
11:11 **Zathura**	11:27 **Forrest Gump**	10:18 **Welcome To Jungle**
5:52 pm **Dangerous Khiladi 6**	6:14 pm **Rowdy No 1**	4:00 pm **Paap Ko Jalakar Rakh Kar Doonga**
8:55 Pm **The Return of Rebel**	8:55 **Khaaki Aur Khiladi**	8:30 Pm **Fillum Baazi**
11:56 **The Mummy**	11:40 **Shatir - The Gangster**	
3:55 pm **Lucy**	4:00 pm **Circle Inspector**	4:19 Pm **Khatta Meetha**
5:31 **Who Am I ?**	7:00 **Swamy**	7:55 **Dishoom**
7:59 **Fast & Furious 6**	10:00 **Makkala Bhagya**	10:36 **Bodyguard**
10:48 **Fast Five**		

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.1)

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**

Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahsamsthana Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Navilugari, monthly cultural programme, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, 'Dasa Geetha Sudhataranga' by **Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar,** BGS Vidyapeetha, Sri Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Moonlight

Music, vocal duet by **Bangalore Brothers — Vid. M.B. Hariharan and Vid. S. Ashok** — accompanied by Vid. Muthur Srinidhi on violin and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Mono-acting Fest

Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe: Mono-acting Festival in memory of Thinker Prof. Kikkeri Narayan, 'Nirakarane' by B.S. Dinamani, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.2)

Samskruthi Women Sphere: *Hum Kisi Se Kum Nahi,* special sports for special kids, Arpitha Pratap Simha chief guest, Founder and President of Para Olympic Committee of India and Arjuna Award Winner M. Mahadev, Adventure Sports Committee of India Director Rukmini Chandran and Past Rotary President Dinesh special guests, felicitation to National and International Winners, Railway Sports Ground, **9.30 am.**

District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, JanJagruti Institute for Rural Development, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Department of Public Instructions: 'Parisara Mithra Shale (Environment-Friendly School)' Award Presentation, DC D. Randeep inaugurates, ZP CEO P. Shivashankar presides, Board Member M. Venkatarama, Mysuru's senior Environment Officer A. Uday Kumar, DDPI Mamatha will take part, Town Hall, **10 am.**

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **10 am to 8 pm.**

JSS Sahana School, Saraswathipuram: Anniversary celebrations, JSS Medical College's Psychology Professor Dr. Basavarajappa presides, District Disabled Welfare Officer N. Geetha and JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled Principal Nanjundaswamy chief guests, School premises, **10.30 am.**

Department of Sociology, University of Mysore (UoM), Niranthara Foundation and Samajamukhi Monthly: Debate on 'Evaluation of Public Life in Karnataka for the past five years,' Prof. G.T. Ramachandrappa of Sociology Department presides, senior journalist Krishna Prasad, retd. Professor V.K. Nataraj, UoM Professor Muzafar Asadi, thinker & columnist K.P. Suresh and Manasagangothri students will take part, Humanities Hall, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

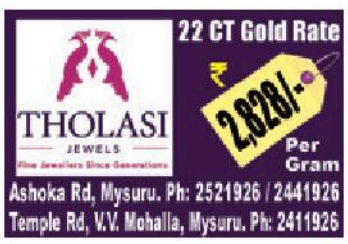
SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram: Valedictory of Student Parliament and Talents Forum, Pratibha Puraskar and farewell to final year students, former UoM VC Prof. S.N. Hegde and UoM College Development Council Director Dr. S. Srikantaswamy chief guests, Parliamentarian of the Year - 2018 Shivani Tholasi presides, Dr. Kalam Silver Jubilee Hall, **11 am.**

Mysuru Travels Association (MTA), Department of Tourism, KTF and Mysuru Hotel Owners Association:

Inauguration of 'Mysore Travel Mart 18' in the presence of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism K.J. Alphons, Karnataka Tourism Minister Priyank Kharge, MP Pratap Simha and MLA Vasu in the presence of former Minister S.A. Ramdas, Chairman and MD of Silent Shores and Resorts Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association M. Rajendra, Mysore Travel Agents Association President B.S. Prashanth, Mysore Travel Mart Chairman C.A. Jayakumar and Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayana Gowda, J.K. Grounds, **2 pm.**

University of Mysore: Valedictory of Intl. Conference on 'Nanomaterials and their Applications,' Gulbarga University VC Prof. S.R. Niranjana chief guest, UoM Registrar D. Bharathi presides, Vijnan Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Veena duet in memory of Veena Maestro Ganakalabhushana M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar by Vid. J.T. Jayaraj Krishnan and Vidu. Jayashri Jayaraj Krishnan, accompanied by Vid. Anoor Anantakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**



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